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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

1. The morning of 11 January was spent with the Planning Staff, 25X1A9A Logistics Office. The briefing was conducted by [redacted] assisted by [redacted]

2. [redacted] explained the purpose and function of his staff with emphasis upon the fact that it was new and in a transitory period in its relationships to DD/P operations. He explained the problem of inadequate logistics planning of operations in the past and steps which have been and are being taken to improve the situation. Basically, the past position was described as one of providing support and technical assistance at the request of DD/P components. [redacted] indicated 25X1A9A that arrangements had been made wherein he and his staff would participate with [redacted] staff in ensuring that there was adequate logistics planning for all DD/P operations requiring logistics support.

3. Significant statements and questions include:

- a. Who prepares logistics plans - DD/P or Logistics?
- b. I understand DD/P holds a very unique position here.
- c. Does DD/P only use you as a trouble shooter, or is it your job to do logistics planning?
- d. Is DD/P worried about the situation or perfectly happy to go along doing its own planning, i.e., with no authority vested in the Chief of Logistics?
- e. Were the responsibilities you read ([redacted] had 25X1A9A quoted from draft Regulations [redacted] con- 25X1A ceded by DD/P and has authority been given?
- f. Doesn't DD/P Admin also have a logistics planning group?
- g. I understand that DD/A is supposed to support both sides; yet I find DD/P has built up support facilities responsible to him.
- h. Do you - does CIA have any real war plans?

i. Who has over-all initiative in CIA to see that CIA has an over-all war plan for the Agency - [redacted] General Cabell? Who

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is thinking about CIA's support in time of war? Are you prepared to go on a war basis today without a breakdown? Have priorities been established for manpower, supplies, etc.?

j. You should take cognizance of the fact that CIA is so low on the totem pole that you can't function as an independent Agency but perhaps should be attached elsewhere.

4. The preceding statements and questions probably require no interpretation as to the underlying thoughts. However, with respect to war plans it was apparent that Colonel Miller was primarily concerned with the over-all administration and support of CIA and not with operational plans.

5. Colonel Miller was obviously very impressed with [redacted] briefing and congratulated him for being such a convincing salesman. He later stated [redacted] briefing is the type we like to get."

6. The afternoon was devoted to the Supply Division of the Logistics Office. The over-all briefing was given by [redacted] and detailed briefing by each of his staff and branch chiefs. Everything went most satisfactorily, and Colonel Miller congratulated [redacted] on the presentations made by several of his chiefs.

7. Probably due to the large numbers of military personnel assigned to the Logistics Office, numerous questions were asked of these officers concerning service with CIA. Typical questions were:

a. How did you happen to come here? Typical answer: Had little or no choice.

b. Does duty with CIA aid or hinder your career? Typical answer: No effect either way; perhaps helps, due to increased need for service people to work with civilians.

c. Are your jobs here commensurate with rank? Typical answer: No.

d. Are you often subordinated to civilians of lesser training or stature? Typical answer: Yes.

e. Could your work be done as well by a civilian? Typical answer: No.

8. At one point during the day Colonel Miller inquired whether CIA had not filled its higher positions with young men who now have older and more experienced men under them. He mused that he had noted an awful lot of young men in big jobs, and whereas he recognized our need for brilliant men of any age, perhaps some were where they are merely by being available when the need arose. If so, this would deter older, better men from joining CIA.

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